

REMARKS

Claims 17-21 have been amended. Claim 21 has been added. Claims 1-21 are pending in the application. Reexamination and reconsideration are respectfully requested.

Applicants counsel wishes to thank Examiner Arthur for the courtesies extended during the personal interview on March 9, 2009. The following records the substance of the interview.

In the Office Action, claims 1-20 were rejected as being obvious over Baumgartner in view of Hagerty. As discussed during the interview, whether taken alone or in combination, these references fail to disclose a disc brake having a transceiver as part of the control electronics integrated in the disc brake, which transceiver is actively connected with a sensor that is not a part of the brake, but rather pertains to the wheel associated with the brake.

Additionally, as discussed during the interview, Applicants respectfully submit that one skilled in the art of disc brake technology would not look to Hagerty's field of marine communications for any teachings or suggestions. Hagerty relates to marine communications between a water buoy and a remote station such as a ship (see Fig. 1). Hence, Applicants submit a prima facie case of obviousness has not been made as discussed during the interview.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, Applicants have amended claims 17-20 to recite a vehicle brake having the integrated control electronics therein.

Moreover, Applicants have added independent claim 21 reciting a "wheel end of a vehicle", which includes the wheel, the disc brake operatively arranged to brake the wheel, and the one or more sensors that are not a part of the disc brake but which are in communication with a transceiver unit arranged in and forming a part of the control electronics of the disc brake.

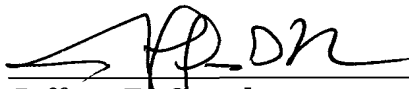
In view of the foregoing, Applicants respectfully submit claims 1-21 are patentable over the art of record.

If there are any questions regarding this amendment or the application in general, a telephone call to the undersigned would be appreciated since this should expedite the prosecution of the application for all concerned.

If necessary to effect a timely response, this paper should be considered as a petition for an Extension of Time sufficient to effect a timely response, and please charge any deficiency in fees or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 05-1323 (Docket #037068.56908US).

Respectfully submitted,

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